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NEW LAUNCH AND TRANSVERSE RAIL CONSTRUCTION
KOMSOMOLSK SHIPYARD AMUR 199, USSR

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW SUBMARINE OR SHIP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM COULD BE ACTIVATED FROM LAUNCH RAIL 1 WHEN THE NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN COMPLETED. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** SINCE EARLY JUNE 1983, NEW CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON THE LAUNCH RAILS AT THIS SHIPYARD. TWO TRANSVERSE RAIL SECTIONS, WHICH WILL CONNECT LAUNCH RAILS 1 AND 2, ARE BEING INSTALLED AT THE TWO-BAY CONSTRUCTION HALL. THE WIDTH OF THE NEW TRANSVERSE RAIL SECTIONS IS 10 METERS, WHICH IS CONSIDERABLY WIDER THAN LAUNCH RAILS 1 AND 2 WHICH ARE

ALTHOUGH THE ULTIMATE FUNCTION OF THE NEW TRANSVERSE RAIL SECTIONS IS NOT KNOWN, ONE POSSIBILITY IS THAT THEY WILL BE USED TO TRANSFER SUBMARINE COMPONENTS OR HULL SECTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO BAYS OF THE CONSTRUCTION HALL. LAUNCH RAIL 2 HAS BEEN UTILIZED TO LAUNCH K-CLASS ATTACK SUBMARINES (SS). LAUNCH RAIL 1 HAS NOT BEEN USED FOR SUBMARINE LAUNCHES AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN LENGTHENED AND REINFORCED. LAUNCH RAIL 1 WILL BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW PERMANENT TRANSPORTER DOCK BOW LAUNCH ASSIST DEVICE WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE BASIN. A MOBILE SUPPORT DEVICE IS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OTHER LAUNCH RAILS. V-III NUCLEAR-POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINES, K SS, AND I AUXILIARY SUBMARINES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT KOMSOMOLSK. (SWN)

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3. COORDINATES 50-32-31N 137-02-56E

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